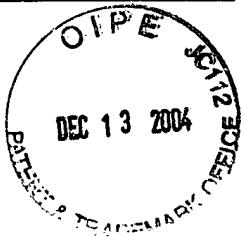


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Final Official Action dated November 30, 2004. In that Action, the Examiner continues to reject claims 1-5 and 10-12 under the judicially-created Doctrine of Double Patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent 6,447,220. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons already presented in the "Remarks/Arguments" accompanying applicants' amendment of September 10, 2004. In that there is no disclosure in the '220 patent of the presently claimed "second drive means" as defined in element (e) of independent claim 1 and element (c) of independent claim 10, applicants could not have claimed the same subject matter in the '220 patent as is now being claimed in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to identify where in the '220 patent there is any teaching or suggestion of:

"a second drive means including control means for selectively either longitudinally translating the cutting head member axially along the boring bar member while inhibiting radial movement of slide and tool bit or radially translating the slide and tool bit of the annular cutting head member with respect to the longitudinal axis of the boring bar member while inhibiting axial translation of the cutting head member"